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1. A fabric wall panel system for covering an existing wall in a room having a plurality of walls, a ceiling, a floor, and an opening, the fabric wall panel system comprising:
  - a. a fabric wall panel comprising a fabric cover overlaying a panel insert; and
  - 5 b. a hanger system attached to the existing wall comprising:
    - i. a ceiling track with a downwardly open channel mounted on the existing wall adjacent the ceiling; and
    - ii. a base track comprising:
      - (a) a fixed base attachment strip mounted on the existing wall adjacent the floor and including a panel support surface and a first frictionally engageable connector, and
      - (b) 10 a removable trim attachment strip with a base panel keeper and a second frictionally engageable connector for engaging the first frictionally engageable connector,
- 15 wherein a top edge of the fabric wall panel is retained in the downwardly open channel of the ceiling track and a bottom edge of the fabric wall panel is supported by the panel support surface of the base track and held in place by the keeper when the removable trim attachment strip is connected to the fixed base attachment strip.
2. The fabric wall panel system of claim 1, wherein the existing wall has a height and a 20 length, and the fabric wall panel has a panel length approximately equal to the length of the existing wall so that no vertical seams exist along the panel length, and the fabric wall panel has a panel height approximately equal to a distance between the downwardly open channel of the ceiling track and the panel support surface of the base track so that no horizontal seams exist along the panel height.
- 25 3. The fabric wall panel system of claim 2, wherein adjacent walls in the room form a corner and wherein at least two fabric wall panels meet at the corner with a vertical corner seam between the adjacent panels and wherein the fabric wall panel system further includes a corner trim piece to hide the vertical corner seam.
4. The fabric wall panel system of claim 3, wherein the corner trim piece comprises a corner 30 trim base, a corner trim leg, and a corner trim keeper wherein the corner trim base is attached to one of the adjacent walls, the corner trim leg is attached to the corner trim base and extends from the corner trim base through the vertical corner seam, and the

corner trim keeper is attached to the corner trim leg and extends across the vertical corner seam.

5. The fabric wall panel system of claim 2, wherein the ceiling track further includes an outwardly protruding ledge for supporting an edge of a drop ceiling.
- 5 6. The fabric wall panel system of claim 2, wherein the removable trim attachment strip of the base track includes a decorative trim piece.
7. The fabric wall panel system of claim 2, wherein the first frictionally engageable connector comprises a first connector web and a second connector web spaced from each other and the second frictionally engageable connector comprises a first engagement web and a second engagement web spaced from each other such that when the first frictionally engageable connector and the second frictionally engageable connector are engaged, the spaced apart webs create a closed chase along the length of the base track.
- 10 8. The fabric wall panel system of claim 2, wherein the base track is further mounted on the existing wall adjacent the opening.
- 15 9. The fabric wall panel system of claim 8, wherein the removable trim attachment strip of the base track includes a decorative trim piece.
10. The fabric wall panel system of claim 8, wherein the first frictionally engageable connector comprises a first connector web and a second connector web spaced from each other and the second frictionally engageable connector comprises a first engagement web and a second engagement web spaced from each other such that when the first frictionally engageable connector and the second frictionally engageable connector are engaged, the spaced apart webs create a closed chase along the length of the base track.
- 20 11. The fabric wall panel system of claim 2, wherein the panel insert of the fabric wall panel comprises a foam layer and a backing layer.
11. The fabric wall panel system of claim 2, wherein the panel insert of the fabric wall panel comprises a foam layer and a backing layer.
- 25 12. The fabric wall panel system of claim 1, wherein the existing wall has a height and a length and the fabric wall panel has a panel length substantially less than the length of the existing wall and the fabric wall panel has a panel height approximately equal to a distance between the downwardly open channel of the ceiling track and the panel support surface of the base track so that a plurality of fabric wall panels are required to cover the

existing wall and as result, at least one vertical seam exists between adjacent fabric wall panels on the existing wall.

13. The fabric wall panel system of claim 12, wherein a seam trim piece hides the vertical seam, wherein the seam trim piece comprises a seam trim base, a seam trim leg, and a seam trim keeper, and wherein the seam trim base is attached to the existing wall, the seam trim leg is attached to the seam trim base and extends from the seam trim base through the vertical seam, and the seam trim keeper is attached to the seam trim leg and extends across the vertical seam.
14. The fabric wall panel system of claim 12, wherein adjacent walls in the room form a corner and wherein at least two fabric wall panels meet at the corner with a vertical corner seam between the adjacent panels and wherein the fabric wall panel system further includes a corner trim piece to hide the vertical corner seam.
15. The fabric wall panel system of claim 14, wherein the corner trim piece comprises a corner trim base, a corner trim leg, and a corner trim keeper wherein the corner trim base is attached to one of the adjacent walls, the corner trim leg is attached to the corner trim base and extends from the corner trim base through the vertical corner seam, and the corner trim keeper is attached to the corner trim leg and extends across the vertical corner seam.
16. The fabric wall panel system of claim 12, wherein the ceiling track further includes an outwardly protruding ledge for supporting an edge of a drop ceiling.
17. The fabric wall panel system of claim 12, wherein the removable trim attachment strip of the base track includes a decorative trim piece.
18. The fabric wall panel system of claim 12, wherein the first frictionally engageable connector comprises a first connector web and a second connector web spaced from each other and the second frictionally engageable connector comprises a first engagement web and a second engagement web spaced from each other such that when the first frictionally engageable connector and the second frictionally engageable connector are engaged, the spaced apart webs create a closed chase along the length of the base track.
19. The fabric wall panel system of claim 12, wherein the base track is further mounted on the existing wall adjacent the opening.

20. The fabric wall panel system of claim 19, wherein the removable trim attachment strip of the base track includes a decorative trim piece.

21. The fabric wall panel system of claim 19, wherein the first frictionally engageable connector comprises a first connector web and a second connector web spaced from each other and the second frictionally engageable connector comprises a first engagement web and a second engagement web spaced from each other such that when the first frictionally engageable connector and the second frictionally engageable connector are engaged, the spaced apart webs create a closed chase along the length of the base track.

22. The fabric wall panel system of claim 12, wherein the panel insert of the fabric wall panel comprises a foam layer and a backing layer.

23. A method for installing a fabric wall panel system on an existing wall having a height and a length, in a room having a plurality of walls, a ceiling, a floor, and an opening, the method comprising:

- attaching a ceiling track to the existing wall adjacent the ceiling along the length of the existing wall, wherein the ceiling track has a downwardly open channel;
- attaching a fixed base attachment strip of a base track to the existing wall adjacent the floor along the length of the floor, wherein the fixed base attachment strip includes a panel support surface and a first frictionally engageable connector;
- inserting a top edge of a fabric wall panel, comprising a fabric cover overlaying a panel insert, into the downwardly open channel;
- engaging a bottom edge of the fabric wall panel against the panel support surface of the base track; and
- attaching a removable trim attachment strip with a base panel keeper and a second frictionally engageable connector to the first frictionally engageable connector.

24. The method for installing a fabric wall panel system of claim 23, wherein the method further includes:

- custom fabricating a fabric wall panel, wherein the custom fabricated fabric wall panel has a panel length approximately equal to the length of the existing wall and a panel height approximately equal to a distance between the downwardly open channel of the ceiling track and the panel support surface of the base track, and
- installing the custom fabricated fabric wall panel in accordance with steps (c), (d), and (e) of claim 23.

25. The method for installing a fabric wall panel system of claim 24, wherein adjacent walls in the room form a corner and wherein at least two fabric wall panels meet at the corner with a vertical corner seam between the two adjacent fabric wall panels, the method further comprising inserting a corner trim piece into the vertical corner seam to hide the vertical corner seam.

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26. The method for installing a fabric wall panel system of claim 25, wherein the corner trim piece comprises a corner trim base attached to a corner trim leg and the corner trim leg in turn is attached to a corner trim keeper, wherein the method further comprises:

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- attaching the corner trim base to one of the adjacent walls and engaging one of the adjacent fabric wall panels by the corner trim leg and the corner trim keeper, and
- installing the other adjacent fabric wall panel against the corner trim leg and behind the corner trim keeper so that the vertical corner seam is hidden by the corner trim keeper.

15. The method for installing a fabric wall panel system of claim 24, wherein the ceiling track further includes an outwardly protruding ledge for supporting an edge of a drop ceiling.

27. The method for installing a fabric wall panel system of claim 24, wherein the removable trim attachment strip of the base track includes a decorative trim piece.

20. The method for installing a fabric wall panel system of claim 24, wherein the first frictionally engageable connector comprises a first connector web and a second connector web spaced from each other and the second frictionally engageable connector comprises a first engagement web and a second engagement web spaced from each other such wherein the method further includes urging the second frictionally engageable connector into engagement with the first frictionally engageable connector so that the spaced apart webs create a closed chase along the length of the base track.

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28. The method for installing a fabric wall panel system of claim 24, wherein the method further includes attaching the fixed base attachment strip to the existing wall adjacent the opening and attaching the removable trim attachment strip with the base panel keeper and a second frictionally engageable connector to the first frictionally engageable connector.

30. 31. The method for installing a fabric wall panel system of claim 30, wherein the removable trim attachment strip of the base track includes a decorative trim piece.

32. The method for installing a fabric wall panel system of claim 30, wherein the first frictionally engageable connector comprises a first connector web and a second connector web spaced from each other and the second frictionally engageable connector comprises a first engagement web and a second engagement web spaced from each other such wherein the method further includes urging the second frictionally engageable connector into engagement with the first frictionally engageable connector so that the spaced apart webs create a closed chase along the length of the base track.

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33. The method for installing a fabric wall panel system of claim 24, wherein the panel insert of the fabric wall panel comprises a foam layer and a backing layer.

10 34. The method for installing a fabric wall panel system of claim 23, wherein the existing wall has a height and a length and the fabric wall panel has a panel length substantially less than the length of the existing wall and the fabric wall panel has a panel height approximately equal to a distance between the downwardly open channel of the ceiling track and the upwardly depending support surface of the base track so that a plurality of fabric wall panels are required to cover the existing wall, installing the fabric wall panel in accordance with steps (c), (d), and (e) of claim 23, and as a result, at least one vertical seam exists between adjacent fabric wall panels on the existing wall.

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35. The method for installing a fabric wall panel system of claim 34, wherein a seam trim piece hides the vertical seam, wherein the seam trim piece comprises a seam trim base, a seam trim leg, and a seam trim keeper, and wherein the seam trim base is attached to the existing wall, the seam trim leg is attached to the seam trim base and extends from the seam trim base through the vertical seam, and the seam trim keeper is attached to the seam trim leg and extends across the vertical seam.

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36. The method for installing a fabric wall panel system of claim 34, wherein adjacent walls in the room form a corner and wherein at least two fabric wall panels meet at the corner with a vertical corner seam between the two adjacent fabric wall panels, the method further comprising inserting a corner trim piece into the vertical corner seam to hide the vertical corner seam.

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37. The method for installing a fabric wall panel system of claim 36, wherein the corner trim piece comprises a corner trim base attached to a corner trim leg and the corner trim leg in turn is attached to a corner trim keeper, wherein the method further comprises:

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5 a. attaching the corner trim base to one of the adjacent walls and engaging one of the adjacent fabric wall panels by the corner trim leg and the corner trim keeper, and b. installing the other adjacent fabric wall panel against the corner trim leg and behind the corner trim keeper so that the vertical corner seam is hidden by the corner trim keeper.

10 38. The method for installing a fabric wall panel system of claim 34, wherein the ceiling track further includes an outwardly protruding ledge for supporting an edge of a drop ceiling.

15 39. The method for installing a fabric wall panel system of claim 34, wherein the removable trim attachment strip of the base track includes a decorative trim piece.

20 40. The method for installing a fabric wall panel system of claim 34, wherein the first frictionally engageable connector comprises a first connector web and a second connector web spaced from each other and the second frictionally engageable connector comprises a first engagement web and a second engagement web spaced from each other such wherein the method further includes urging the second frictionally engageable connector into engagement with the first frictionally engageable connector so that the spaced apart webs create a closed chase along the length of the base track.

25 41. The method for installing a fabric wall panel system of claim 34, wherein the method further includes attaching the fixed base attachment strip to the existing wall adjacent the opening and attaching the removable trim attachment strip with the base panel keeper and a second frictionally engageable connector to the first frictionally engageable connector.

30 42. The method for installing a fabric wall panel system of claim 41, wherein the removable trim attachment strip of the base track includes a decorative trim piece.

43. The method for installing a fabric wall panel system of claim 41, wherein the first frictionally engageable connector comprises a first connector web and a second connector web spaced from each other and the second frictionally engageable connector comprises a first engagement web and a second engagement web spaced from each other such wherein the method further includes urging the second frictionally engageable connector into engagement with the first frictionally engageable connector so that the spaced apart webs create a closed chase along the length of the base track.

44. The method for installing a fabric wall panel system of claim 34, wherein the panel insert of the fabric wall panel comprises a foam layer and a backing layer.

45. A trim piece attachment strip for removably attaching a trim piece to a wall of a room comprising:

5 a. a fixed trim attachment strip having a fixed strip length for attachment to the wall of the room, the fixed trim attachment strip including a first frictionally engageable connector extending along the length of the fixed trim attachment strip; and

10 b. a removable trim attachment strip having a removable strip length for attachment to the trim piece, the removable trim attachment strip including a second frictionally engageable connector extending along the length of the removable trim attachment strip,

15 wherein the second frictionally engageable connector of the removable trim attachment strip engages the first frictionally engageable connector of the fixed trim attachment strip to removably attach the removable trim attachment strip to the fixed trim attachment strip.

46. The trim piece attachment strip of Claim 45, wherein the first frictionally engageable connector of the fixed trim attachment strip has first and second connector webs, each with connector web ribs, and wherein the second frictionally engageable connector of the removable trim attachment strip has first and second engagement webs, each with engagement web ribs, wherein the connector web ribs and the engagement web ribs frictionally engage each other.

20 47. The trim piece attachment strip of Claim 46, wherein when the first connector web, the second connector web, the first engagement web, and the second engagement web, are engaged together form a chase within the trim piece attachment strip.